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SUBJ: VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE WEEKLY ASSESSMENT - FEB 5-11, 1975

PART I - SUMMARY

A. THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS WAS UP OVER ONE-THIRD THIS WEEK, BUT THE INCREASE WAS MAINLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PREDICTED UPSWING IN THE DELTA. THERE, AS COUNTRYWIDE, HOWEVER, THE INTENSITY OF FIGHTING WAS NOT OF PARTICULARLY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT ACTIVITY WILL PICK UP IN A NUMBER OF AREAS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THE NUMBER OF GVN AND COMMUNIST KILLED IN ACTION WAS SOMEWHAT HIGHER FOR THE WEEK.

B. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN MR-1 WAS UP MODERATELY, THE INTENSITY OF FIGHTING WAS NOT REMARKABLE. AT THE SAME TIME, NVA/VC KILLED ALMOST DOUBLED THIS WEEK FROM A WEEK AGO. THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGHTING OCCURRED SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. SEVERAL SPANS OF THE GIA THUY BRIDGE ON ROUTE 3 IN THE DAI LOC-DUC DUC AREA WERE DESTROYED. TWO DAYS LATER, NVA FORCES ATTACKED AIRBORNE, 3RD ARVN DIVISION AND TERRITORIAL FORCE POSITIONS IN THOSE TWO DISTRICTS. IN QUANG NGAI ARVN CAPTURED ANOTHER HILLTOP.

C. FIGHTING WAS PARTICULARLY LIGHT IN MR-2, WITH A MINIMUM NUMBER OF LARGE GROUND CONTACTS. AGGRESSIVE GVN PATROLLING IN BINH DINH PROVED USEFUL IN CHECKING ON COMMUNIST FORCE BUILD-UPS; THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUED TERROR TACTICS IN THE PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO INTELLIGENCE, THE NVA IS MOVING ARTILLERY TO THE AREA NEAR BINH KHE TOWN IN ORDER TO ATTACK Q.L. 19 AND THE PHU CAT AIRBASE. THE GVN ANTICIPATES THIS ACTION MAY START THE END OF THIS WEEK. THERE IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE 320TH NVA DIVISION HAS MOVED TO DARLAC, AND SPECULATION THAT THE NVA 10TH DIVISION MAY GO TO QUANG DUC AS PART OF A MOVE TO BUILD A LARGE BASE AREA OUT OF PHUOC LONG, QUANG
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DUC AND THE SOUTHERN SLICE OF DARLAC PROVINCE. SEVERAL HUNDRED ADDITIONAL REFUGEES FROM PHUOC LONG WERE ABLE TO AVOID COMMUNIST BLOCKING EFFORTS AND GET INTO QUANG DUC THIS WEEK.

D. THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN MR-3 HIT A 13-WEEK LOW THIS WEEK, WITH TAY NINH PROVINCE AGAINST THE CENTER OF THINGS. COMMUNIST TERROR THREATS GENERALLY FAILED TO MATERIALIZE

DURING THE FIRST DAY OF TET, ALTHOUGH SAPPER UNITS WERE AGAIN ACTIVE IN THE SAIGON ENRIRONS AND BIEN HOA AIRBASE WAS ATTACKED BY SAPPERS EARLY IN THE PERIOD. COMMUNIST ATTACKS BY FIRE WERE PARTICULARLY ACUTE IN TAY NINH, AS GVN POSITIONS AROUND TAY NINH CITY WERE SEVERAL TIMES SHELLED.

E. ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNISTS LAUNCHED A MONTHLY HIGHPOINT AS EXPECTED THE END OF LAST WEEK, IT HAS NOT AS YET APPROACHED THE FIERCE FIGHTING OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY IN MR-4. IMPORTANT GROUND ATTACKS WERE FEW, WITH THE PRINCIPAL ACTION COMPRISING ATTACKS BY FIRE AND VARIOUS FORMS OF HARASSMENT. THIS LATTER EFFORT -- PARTICULARLY IN THE CENTRAL DELTA -- WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY DIRECTED TOWARDS LOWERING THE MORALE OF THE PEOPLE.

PART II - ICCS

THE ICCS HAS SPEEDED UP PAYMENTS OF ITS BILLS TO PA&E AND AIR AMERICA, AND THE ICCS ADMINSTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE COMMENCED FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT REVISED CONTRACT WITH PA&E ON FEBRUARY 12.

PART III - FPJMT, TPJMC AND RELATED MATTERS.

THE DRV/"PRG" BOYCOTT OF THE FPJMT AND TPJMC CONTINUED INTO ITS THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK.

PART IV - COMMUNIST MEDIA COMMENT

A. DENUNCIATION OF US AID REQUESTS CONTINUES

WASHINGTON'S FEBRUARY 7 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT USAF MAINTENANCE IS CONFIDENTIAL

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NANCE PERSONNEL HAD BEEN SENT TO SVN PRODUCED A RENEWED SPATE OF INDIGNANT DRV AND "PRG" FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENTS, ECHOED AND AMPLIFIED BY COMMUNIST MEDIA, DENOUNCING CONTINUED US AID REQUESTS FOR THE GVN. THE INTRODUCTION OF USAF PERSONNEL WAS CALLED "A NEW AND EXTREMELY SERIOUS STEP" BY THE DRV FONMIN SPOKESMAN. BOTH THE \$300 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL FOR FY75 AND THE \$1.3 BILLION BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY76 WERE CONDEMNED BY THE "PRG" SPOKESMAN AS "SCHEMING TO PROLONG" US INVOLVEMENT. PRESIDENT FORD'S CHICAGO TRIBUNE INTERVIEW, PROPOSING A 3-YEAR LIMIT ON INDOCHINA AID, "ONCE AGAIN PROVES THAT THE USG CONTINUES TO NURTURE EVIL DESIGNS" FOR THE FUTURE SUPPORT TO THE GV, ACCORDING TO THE "PRG'S" LIBERATION RADIO ON FEBRUARY 9.

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B. COMMUNISTS PRAISE THEIR OWN RECRUITMENT, DENOUNCE
GVN "PRESSGANGING"

ALL MAJOR HANOI MEDIA HAVE RECENTLY REPORTED AND EDITORIALIZED ON PROGRESS IN MILITARY RECRUITING IN NVN. THE MILITARY DAILY QUANG DOI NHAN DAN OF JANUARY 24, FOR EXAMPLE, PRAISED PARTY CADRE FOR "EDUCATING AND MOTIVATING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS TO JOIN THE ARMED FORCES AND SET OUT TO KILL THE ENEMY FOR NATIONAL SALVATION," BUT INDICATED THAT MORE LOCAL EFFORT WAS NEEDED. MEANWHILE, LIBERATION RADIO ON FEBRUARY 7 CONDEMNED THE "UNPRECEDENTEDLY LARGE-SCALE PRESSGANGING CAMPAIGN IN ENEMY-CONTROLLED AREAS" AND URGED SOUTH VIETNAMESE YOUTH TO "REALIZE THE ENEMY'S CRUEL NATURE AND RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR LIVES."

PART V - MR-1

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

I CORPS BRIEFED 149 NVA/VC CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, AN INCREASE FROM LAST WEEK'S 131. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS THERE WAS LITTLE SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING. IN QUANG TRI, THE NVA SHELLED GVN UNITS WITH MORTARS AND ROCKETS CONTAINING LEAFLETS ON THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. IN THUA THIEN, FIGHTING CONTINUED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LEVEL AS THE PREVIOUS WEEK; ARVN UNITS SEARCHING THE AREA SOUTH OF MO TAU MOUNTAIN AND SOUTHWEST OF LA SON BASE HAD OCCASIONAL LIGHT CONTACT. SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING OCCURRED IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, WHERE NVA UNITS ATTACKED IN THE TACTICAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AIRBORNE AND 3RD ARVN DIVISIONS. FIGHTING REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE. IN QUANG NGAI, ARVN UNITS CAPTURED ANOTHER HILLTOP POSITION IN THE NUI NHAN AREA OF SOUTHEASTERN NGHIA HANH DISTRICT. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, GVN CASUALTIES IN MR-1 WERE: 101 KIA, 335 WIA, 57 MIA. NVA LOSSES WERE 449 KIA AND 55 CAPTURED. A TOTAL OF 179 COMBAT AIR SORTIES WERE FLOWN.

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2. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, THE NVA/VC SHELLED ROCKETS AND MORTARS CONTAINING LEAFLETS INTO FOUR SEPARATE ARVN AND TERRITORIAL FORCE POSITIONS. ONE OBVIOUSLY DATED LEAFLET, IN ENGLISH, WAS DIRECTED AT U.S. TROOPS, CALLING THEM TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS TO AVOID MAKING WIDOWS OF THEIR WIVES. IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE, THE 1ST ARVN INFANTRY DIVISION CONTINUED TO HAVE SCATTERED SMALL CONTACTS IN SEARCH AND CLEARING OPERATIONS NEAR MO TAU MOUNTAIN AND SOUTHWEST OF THE LA SON -- TRUOI BRIDGE AREA. ON FEBRUARY 5 AND 6 TEN COMBAT AIR SORTIES WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST DIVISION.

3. SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS: IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, THE NVA/VC ON FEB 4 DESTROYED SEVERAL SPANS OF THE GIA THUY BRIDGE ON PROVINCIAL ROUTE 3 ON THE DAI LOC -- DUC DUC DISTRICT BOUNDARY, TEN KMS NORTH OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARVN 56TH REGIMENT (3RD ARVN DIVISION). ON FEB 6, NVA UNITS ATTACKED ELEMENTS OF THE 6TH AIRBORNE BATTALION AND THE 3RD BATTALION/56TH REGIMENT, AS WELL AS TERRITORIAL FORCE POSITIONS IN DUC DUC AND DAI LOC DISTRICTS. RADIO CONTACT WAS LOST WITH THE COMMAND POST AND ONE COMPANY OF THE 3/56. ON FEB 7, NVA/VC ATTACKED ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH AIRBORNE BATTALION SOUTH OF THE VU GIA RIVER IN DAI LOC (D) AND SHELLED DAI LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. A COUNTERATTACK BY ELEMENTS OF THE 57TH REGIMENT (3RD DIVISION) AND THE 11TH CAVALRY REGAINED SOME OF THE LOST POSITIONS. AT THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING IN THE AREA HAD SUBSIDED. IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE, NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED. FIGHTING IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE CONTINUED AT A MODERATE LEVEL; IN THE NUI NHAN AREA ALONG THE NGHIA HANH -- MO DUC DISTRICT BORDER, ELEMENTS OF THE 2ND DIVISION (ARVN) REPORTEDLY CAPTURED A HILLTOP POSITION KNOWN AS HILL 513. THROUGH FEB 9, 71 COMBAT AIR SORTIES HAD BEEN FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF ARVN 2ND DIVISION OPERATIONS.

4. ICCS: NO OBSERVATIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS WERE REPORTED IN ICCS REGION 1. IN ICCS REGION 2, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION FROM THE TAM KY SITE CONDUCTED OBSERVATIONS OF TWO INCIDENTS: THE FEB 6 NVA/VC ATTACK ON THE KHANH TAN HAMLET OFFICE (KY LONG VILLAGE, TAM KY DISTRICT, QUANG TIN PROVINCE) AND
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THE FEB 8 NVA/VC INFILTRATION OF KHANH PHUOC HAMLET, KY NGHIA VILLAGE, IN THE SAME DISTRICT. ON FEB 7, A DELEGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 20 RESIDENTS OF DANANG'S DISTRICT 2 PRESENTED A LETTER PROTESTING COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS AT THE DANANG ICCS REGION 2 HEADQUARTERS.

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PART VI - MR-2

XA SUMMARY: FIGHTING WAS AGAIN LIGHT IN MR-2 IN THE WEEK PRECEDING TET. IN BINH DINH, AGGRESSIVE GVN PATROLLING PRODUCED 3 CONTACTS OF MODERATE SIZE. IN KONTUM, PLEIKU, AND DARLAC, NO MAJOR GROUND CONTACTS OCCURRED, BUT VNAF STRUCK AT COMMUNIST STORAGE AREAS AND AT COMMUNIST TROOP AND SUPPLY CONVOYS. REPORTS INDICATING THAT THE 320TH NVA DIV HAS MOVED FROM PLEIKU TO DARLAC HAVE CONSIDERABLY EASED GVN FEARS OF IMMINENT ATTACK ON KONTUM AND PLEIKU. THE ULTIMATE TARGET OF THE 320TH DIV REMAINS UNCLEAR; GVN SUCCESS IN THE HIGHLANDS, HOWEVER, WILL IN LARGE MEASURE DEPEND ON ITS ABILITY TO COUNTER ANY FUTURE THRUSTS BY THE 320TH. FINALLY, SECTOR OFFICIALS IN BINH THUAN FEEL SEVERAL ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST UNITS HAVE ENTERED THE PROVINCE.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 3-9, 1975

IWMI. COMMUNIST-INITIATED INCIDENTS:

	TOTAL INCIDENTS	HIGHLAND	COASTAL ZONE
LAST WEEK:	48	19 PERCENT	81 PERCENT
THIS WEEK:	23	31 PERCENT	69 PERCENT

BINH DINH WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE WITH 13 INCIDENTS.
TOTAL COMMUNIST AND GVN INITIATED INCIDENTS - 61.

II. COMMUNIST PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES:

	PERSONNEL			WEAPONS		
	KIA	CIA	RETURNEE	CS	INDV	TOTAL WPNS
LAST WEEK:	175	03	03	05	55	60
THIS WEEK:	254	07	02	12	57	69

III. GVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES:

	KIA	WIA	MIA	CS	INDMX	TOTAL WPNS
LAST WEEK:	50	88	03	00	01	01
THIS WEEK:	24	56	05	01	17	18

IV. GVN ARTILLERY AMMO UTILIZATION (ROUNDS):

	105	155	175	TOTAL
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LAST WEEK	10,339	541	59	10,939
THIS WEEK:	7,559	724	##	74 8,357

V. GVN AIR OPERATIONS (SORTIES):

	TAC AIR	VR	HELICOPTER
LAST WEEK:	294	142	472
THIS WEEK:	327	199	969

2. BINH DINH: MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS LIGHT, ALTHOUGH THE GVN INCREASED ITS PATROLS IN ORDER TO SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE COMMUNIST MILITARY BUILD-UPS. THIS PATROLLING RESULTED IN THREE SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS. ON FEB 4, AS IT PUSHED NORTHWARD IN THE VINH THANH VALLEY (BR 624517), THE 1ST BN OF THE 47TH ARVN REGT KILLED 11 COMMUNISTS AND CAPTURED SEVERAL WEAPONS AND DOCUMENTS; THE 1ST BN TOOK 3 KIA, INCLUDING A COMPANY COMMANDER, AND HAD 6 WIA. ON FEB 5, THE 234 RF BN CONTINUED ITS SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS IN TAM QUAN BY AMBUSHING A VC UNIT (AT BS 880079), RESULTING IN 14 VC KIA AND SEVERAL WEAPONS SEIZED, WITH NO GVN CASUALTIES. AND ON FEB 8, IN BINH KHE (BR 866399), THE 3RD PF CO AMBUSHED A VC SQUAD, KILLING 7, INCLUDING THE SQUAD LEADER, WHILE TAKING NO LOSSES OF ITS OWN. COMMUNIST TERRORISM THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE CONTINUED; THIS WEEK, TWO GVN VILLAGE OFFICIALS WERE ASSASSINATED AND 3 YOUTHS WERE KIDNAPPED. INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THE 68TH NVA ARTY REGT IS TRANSPORTING ORDNANCE FROM THE NORTH OF THE VINH THANH VALLEY TO APPROXIMATELY 10 KMS NORTHWEST OF BINH KHE TOWN. THE GVN NOW EXPECTS THAT AN ATTACK ON QL-19 IN THIS AREA, COUPLED WITH THE SHELLING OF PHU CAT AFB, WILL BEGIN ON FEB 14. THE PROVINCE CHIEF HAS FORMED THE PF PLATOONS IN BINH KHE DISTRICT INTO COMPANY-SIZED UNITS IN ORDER BETTER TO WITHSTAND THE ANTICIPATED ATTACKS FROM LARGE NVA UNITS, AND TO IMPROVE CONTROL OF THE LOOSELY ORGANIZED PF UNITS.

3. KONTUM/PLEIKU: THE PATTERN OF RECENT WEEKS CONTINUED: NO MAJOR GROUND CONTACTS OCCURRED, BUT VNAF STRUCK AT COMMUNIST STORAGE AREAS AND AT THE UNREMITTING COMMUNIST TROOP AND SUPPLY CONVOYS. IN KONTUM, AIR SORTIES TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF THE CITY ON FEB 5, 6, AND 7, REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN 10 COMMUNIST KIA, 6 VEHICLES KNOCKED OUT, 23 HOUSES DESTROYED, AND SEVERAL FIRES AND SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS TRIGGERED. IN PLEIKU, ON FEB 5 AND 7, AIR STRIKES TO THE WEST OF THE CITY REPORTEDLY KILLED 10 COMMUNISTS, DESTROYED 22 HOUSES, 10 TUNNELS, AND 4 FUEL TANKS, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND TRIGGERED 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. REPORTS INDICATING THAT THE 320TH NVA DIV HAS MOVED FROM PLEIKU TO DARLAC HAVE EASED GVN FEARS OF IMMINENT ATTACK AGAINST KONTUM AND PLEIKU. BECAUSE OF THE REPORTED MOVEMENT OF THE 320TH TO DARLAC, THE HQS AND 2 BNS OF THE 53RD ARVN REGT HAVE SHIFTED FROM PLEIKU TO DARLAC WHILE ONE BN REMAINS IN QUANG DUC. A FORWARD COMMAND POST OF THE 23RD DIVISION AND THE 2ND BN OF THE 45TH ARVN REGT HAVE ALSO MOVED INTO DARLAC, WITH THE REST OF THE REGT REMAINING IN PLEIKU AS A RESERVE FORCE.

4. DARLAC: AS IN KONTUM AND PLEIKU, MILITARY ACTION IN DARLAC

WAS LARGELY CONFINED TO AIR OPERATIONS. ON FEB 6, AIR SORTIES
DIRECTED AT COMMUNIST POSITIONS (PRESUMABLY OF THE 48TH NVA REGT)
38 KMS NORTH OF BAN ME THUOT REPORTEDLY KILLED 30 COMMUNISTS,
DESTROYED 3 VEHICLES, 50 FOXHOLES, AND 100 METERS OF TRENCHES,
AND IGNITED 4 FIRES. AND AIR SORTIES ON FEB 7, 14 KMS NORTHWEST

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BAN DON, DESTROYED 7 HOUSES AND 5 TUNNELS AND GENERATED 2 FIRES. A RALLIER REPORT HAS ADDED SUBSTANCE TO EARLIER INTELLIGENCE SUGGESTING THE 320TH NVA REGT HAD MOVED TO DARLAC. THE CONSTITUENT REGTS OF THE 320TH, THE 9TH, 48TH, AND 64TH REGTS ARE REPORTED BY THE SAME TO BE ON THE PLEIKU/DARLAC BORDER NEAR BUON BLECH, IN NORTHWESTERN BUON HO DISTRICT, AND IN NORTHEASTERN BUON HO DISTRICT, RESPECTIVELY. THIS POSITIONING OF THE DIVISION MAY PRESAGE ATTACKS ON BUON BLECH AND BUON HO TOWNS. THE RALLIER ALSO STATED THAT RECON ELEMENTS OF BOTH THE 10TH AND 320TH NVA DIVS WENT TO QUANG DUC IN JANUARY (THE 320TH'S RECON UNIT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECALLED, PRESUMABLY TO DARLAC). THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH SPECULATION BY SOME GVN OFFICIALS THAT THE 10TH NVA DIV MAY BE HEADED FOR QUANG DUC WHERE THE COMMUNISTS WILL ATTEMPT TO CREATE A LARGE BASE AREA OUT OF PHUOC LONG, QUANG DUC AND PART OF DARLAC PROVINCES. SECTOR INTELLIGENCE IN KONTUM HAS IN FACT LOST CONTACT WITH THE 10TH, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF ITS ACTUALLY MOVING OUT OF THE PROVINCE.

5. OTHER: TWO INCIDENTS OCCURRED ON THE RECENTLY OPENED GIA NGHIA-DUC XUYEN ROAD IN QUANG DUC ON FEB 6; A LOGGING TRUCK HIT A COMMUNIST MINE AT YU 031341, AND COMMUNIST SMALL ARMS AND B-40 FIRE BRIEFLY INTERDICTED THE ROAD AT YU 036352. SOME 330 REFUGEES FROM PHUOC LONG SUCCESSFULLY EVADED COMMUNIST BLOCKING FORCES AND ENTERED QUANG DUC THIS WEEK; 2341 PEOPLE HAVE NOW ENTERED QUANG DUC FROM PHUOC LONG SINCE THE LATTER FELL. SECTOR OFFICIALS IN BINH THUAN BELIEVE THAT A NEW COMMUNIST REGT - THE "VINH KHANG" REGT - HAS ENTERED THE PROVINCE, AND THAT ELEMENTS OF THE VC 812TH (SONG MAO) REGT HAVE RETURNED TO BINH THUAN FROM BINH TUY.

6. ICCS: DURING THE WEEK THE IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATES INVESTIGATED THE COMPLAINT REPORTED BY THE LAM DONG PROVINCE OFFICIALS REGARDING THE CAPTURE OF TWO CIVILIAN BULLDOZERS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF ANOTHER BY VC UNITS NEAR QL-20.

PART VII - MR-3

1. THE YEAR OF THE TIGER WENT OUT QUIETLY IN MR-3 AS INCIDENTS
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DROPPED TO A 13-WEEK LOW. TAY NINH WAS ONCE AGAIN THE FOCUS OF NVA/VC ACTION. THROUGH NOON OF THE FIRST DAY OF TET, THE NVA/VC HAD NOT CARRIED OUT ANY TERRORIST ACTION OF THE KIND THREATENED IN THEIR PRE-TET PSYCHOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION. LTG NGUYEN VAN TOAN, FORMER COMMANDER OF MR-2, REPLACED LTG DONG AS COMMANDER OF MR-3 ON FEBRUARY 5.

2. MILITARY INCIDENTS IN MR-3 CONTINUED AT A MODERATE LEVEL THIS WEEK WITH 165 INCIDENTS, COMPARED WITH 195 DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD. THERE WERE ONLY 14 INCIDENTS DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS OF THE OLD YEAR. TAY NINH REPORTED 48 INCIDENTS (27 THE PREVIOUS PERIOD). MR-3 HQS RECORDED 45 GROUND CONTACTS, 65 ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND FOUR COMBINED GROUND AND ABF'S. THERE WERE 16 MININGS AND 35 OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENTS.

3. COMMUNIST GUNNERS FIRED 569 MORTARS, 162 ROCKETS, AND 183 ARTILLERY ROUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF 914 ABF ROUNDS. ARVN EXPENDED 14,972 ARTILLERY ROUNDS (15,341 LAST WEEK). VNAF 3RD AIR DIV FLEW 165 FIXED-WING SORTIES AND 262 HELICOPTER GUNSHIP MISSIONS.

4. GVN CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS 69 KIA, 175 WIA, AND 11 MIA. NVA/VC LOSSES WERE SET AT 90 KIA, THREE CIA, AND FIVE RALLIERS. IN ADDITION, VNAF REPORTED 53 NVA/VC KILLED BY AIR.

5. INCREASED ACTIVITY IN WESTERN MR-3 SAW TAY NINH PROVINCE RECORDING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS FOR THIS WEEK. NVA/VC GUNNERS WERE ESPECIALLY ACTIVE AS NUMEROUS ARTILLERY, ROCKET, AND MORTAR ATTACKS WERE FIRED AT GVN POSITIONS SURROUNDING TAY NINH CITY. THE CITY ITSELF, HOWEVER, WAS NOT HIT. TWO OF THE LARGEST ATTACKS OCCURRED FEBRUARY 5. THE FIRST OCCURRED EIGHT KMS SOUTH-EAST OF THE CAPITAL AT BEN KEO WHERE A FORWARD COMMAND POST OF THE 25TH INF DIV RECEIVED 120 ROCKET AND ARTILLERY ROUNDS WHICH KILLED FOUR AND WOUNDED THREE. THE SECOND ATTACK TOOK PLACE TEN KMS EAST OF THE CAPITAL WHERE AN ARTILLERY BASE RECEIVED 100 MORTAR ROUNDS WHICH DISABLED ONE 105MM HOWITZER AND DESTROYED 100 ROUNDS OF 105MM AMMUNITION. ON FEB 8 IN A COMBINED MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACK, 14 KMS SOUTHEAST OF TAY NINH CITY, AN ARVN BATTALION WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM THEIR POSITION WITH FIFTEEN WOUNDED, LEAVING BEHIND TWENTY-EIGHT DEAD AND TEN MISSING.

6. ON FEB 9 IN BINH TUY ELEMENTS OF THE 18TH ARVN DIV LED A
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COMMANDO RAID ORDERED BY THE NEW MR-3 COMMANDER ON TANH LINH DISTRICT TOWN WHICH WAS OVERRUN BY THE NVA/VC LAST DECEMBER. TWO UH-1 GUNSHIPS AND THEIR CREWS WERE TOST IN THE ACTION AND TWO

OTHER HELO'S WERE DAMAGED.

7. ON FEB 6, BIEN HOA AIR BASE WAS PENETRATED BY 7 TO 10 NVA/VC SAPPERS WHO PLANTED TIME DELAY CHARGES IN AN OPEN STORAGE AREA, AND WITHDREW UNDER COVER OF THREE 107MM ROCKETS FIRED POINT BLANK FROM THE BASE PERIMETER. ONE EOD MAN WAS KILLED, THIRTY TO THIRTY-FIVE AIRCRAFT ENGINES WERE DAMAGED AND THREE A-37 FUSELAGES LOST IN THE ATTACK. TWO BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED BY THE ROCKETS. OTHERWISE, ACTIVITY WAS LIGHT IN BIEN HOA AS ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION. SAPPER UNITS CONTINUED ACTIVE IN THE GIA DINH ENVIRONS OF SAIGON.

8. ICCS: THERE WERE NO ICCS OBSERVATIONS IN ICCS REGION V DURING THIS PERIOD.

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1. MILITARY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL SECURITY: AS PREDICTED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, NVA/VC LAUNCHED A FEBRUARY HIGHPOINT THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 7/8, BUT LEVEL AND INTENSITY OF FIGHTING ARE SO FAR WELL BELOW HIGHPOINTS OF THE PAST TWO MONTHS. MOST ACTIVITY HAS CONSISTED OF ABF'S AND HARASSMENTS, WITH VERY FEW SIGNIFICANT GROUND ATTACKS REPORTED. IN ADDITION, ALTHOUGH NVA/VC/INITIATED INCIDENTS REACHED A DAILY HIGH OF 130 ON FEBRUARY 8 AND 9, LEVEL DROPPED TO 66 FOR 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 11, THE FIRST DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR. GVN HAS INFORMATION THAT NVA/VC INTENDED TO LAUNCH HIGHPOINT FEBRUARY 7, LET UP FEBRUARY 10, 11, AND 12, AND RENEW ATTACKS ON FEBRUARY 13. FIGHTING SO FAR FITS THIS PATTERN. FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD, CORPS REPORTS 630 NVA/VC-INITIATED INCIDENTS (352 LAST WEEK) CONSISTING OF 68 GROUND ATTACKS (23), 1 INFILTRATION (5), 395 ABF'S (243), 132 HARASSMENTS (57), 18 SABOTAGE (10), 13 TERRORIST INCIDENTS (9), AND 3 OTHER INCIDENTS. BECAUSE OF THE TET HOLIDAY, MR-4 HAS NOT COMPILED CASUALTY FIGURES FOR THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING MORNING OF FEBRUARY 11. FOR 6-DAY PERIOD ENDING MORNING OF FEBRUARY 10, GVN CASUALTIES ARE LISTED AS 169 KIA (155 FOR 7 DAYS LAST WEEK), 744 WIA (558), 38 MIA (96), AND 1 CREW-SERVED (2) AND 174 INDIVIDUAL (2313) WEAPONS LOST. FOR 6 DAYS, CORPS CLAIMS 623 NVA/VC KILLED (818), 64 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS CAPTURED (34), AND 20 CREW-SERVED (36) AND 157 INDIVIDUAL (2313) WEAPONS SEIZED.

(B) NORTHERN DELTA: ACTIVITY IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE INCREASED AFTER A SLOW WEEK LAST WEEK, WITH MOST INCIDENTS CONSISTING OF SHELLING, ROAD INCIDENTS, AND SMALL UNIT CONTACTS. BEN TRANH DISTRICT HQ WAS SHELLED 10 TIMES, KILLING 2 AND WOUNDING

27, WHILE HAU MY DISTRICT HQ WAS SHELLED TWICE WITH NO CASUALTIES. THE ONLY VILLAGE OVERRUN WAS ALSO IN BEN TRANH (D) AND IT HAS SINCE BEEN RETAKEN. ROAD INCIDENTS INCREASED AGAIN ON ROUTES 20, 29, AND 30, AND THERE WAS ONE DAYTIME INCIDENT ON HIGHWAY 4: AN AMBULANCE AND TRUCK WERE SNIPED AT 1650 HOURS 4 KM WEST OF THE MY THO INTERSECTION. FOUR SOLDIERS AND A WOMAN WERE KILLED AND ANOTHER CIVILIAN WOUNDED. MOST ACTIVITY IN KIEN PHONG
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PROVINCE WAS IN HONG NGU AND KIEN VAN DISTRICTS WHERE ABF'S AND HARASSMENTS PREDOMINATED. AN OB AND A WATCHTOWER IN HONG NGU (D) WERE OVERRUN, BUT RETAKEN THE NEXT DAY. THERE WERE CONTINUED SIGHTINGS OF NVA/VC TROOP MOVEMENTS IN THE HONG NGU (D) AREA, BUT SECTOR HAS NOT YET INTERPRETED THEIR SIGNIFICANCE OR ASSESSED THEIR INTENTIONS. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS, ROUTE 30 IS AGAIN OPEN TO HIGHWAY 4 IN DINH TUONG, BUT COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC IS STILL AVOIDING THE ROAD. IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE, NVA/VC CONTINUED TO MORTAR TUYEN NHON SUB-SECTOR HQ AND NAVAL BASE AND BA THANG MINH OB, THE NEAREST OB WEST OF TUYEN NHON ON THE VAM CO TAY RIVER. BA THANH MINH OB ALSO CAME UNDER A GROUND ATTACK IN WHICH THE ATTACKERS LOST 21 KILLED. AIRSTRIKES NNW OF MOC HOA NEAR THE CAMBODIAN BORDER REPORTEDLY KILLED ANOTHER 37 NVA/VC. A CHINOOK HELICOPTER WAS REPORTEDLY HIT BY 107MM ROCKETS AND DESTROYED AS IT WAS DEPARTING BINH THANH THON ARTILLERY BASE 5 KM NE OF TUYEN BINH DISTRICT TOWN. REFUGEES FROM EASTERN TUYEN BINH (D) REPORT APPROX 1000 NVA SOLDIERS, WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS BEING FROM 9TH NVA DIVISION, LOCATED ALONG CAMBODIAN BORDER IN NE TUYEN BINH (D) WITH INTENTION OF ATTACKING BINH THANH THON AND ANOTHER OB IN THE NORTH OF THE DISTRICT, THE ONLY GVN INSTALLATIONS IN TUYEN BINH OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT TOWN MOC HA WAS ROCKETED ONCE: TWO 107MM ROCKETS WOUNDED AT LEAST 6 CIVILIANS.

(C) CENTRAL DELTA: IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE, NVA/VC STEPPED UP HARRASSMENT APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO DEMORALIZE THE POPULACE. PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT WERE SHELLING OF HUONG MY AND MO CAY DISTRICT TOWNS IN WHICH 6 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED. THREE OB'S AND WATCHTOWERS IN HUONG MY AND DON NHON DISTRICTS WERE OVERRUN OR ABANDONED UNDER PRESSURE, BUT A FOURTH OB IN DON NHON (D) HELD AFTER BEING UNDER ATTACK FOR ALMOST 24 HOURS DESPITE ALL ITS PF DEFENDERS BEING WOUNDED AND TWO OF ITS THREE CORNER BUNKERS BEING TAKEN BY THE ATTACKERS; 15 NVA/VC WERE KILLED. IN VINH LONG PROVINCE, SIX VILLAGE OFFICES AND VUNG LIEM DISTRICT HQ WHERE MORTARED CAUSING LIGHT CASUALTIES. A VILLAGE OFFICE IN VUNG LIEM (D) ALSO CAME UNDER GROUND ATTACK, BUT THE ATTACK WAS REPULSED. AN RF BATTALION WHICH RECENTLY REENTERED HUU THANH (V), TRA ON (D) CAME UNDER HEAVY MORTAR FIRE, BUT GVN COUNTER-FIRE KILLED 4 NVA/VC. IN VINH BINH PROVINCE, TWO VILLAGE OFFICES CAME UNDER ATTACK LATE IN THE WEEK. HAM GIANG (V) TRA CU (D) HELD WITH LIGHT CASUALTIES, WHILE AIRSTRIKES WERE CALLED IN TO SUPPORT NGU

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LAC (V), CAU NGANG (D); RESULTS FOR THE ATTACK ON NGU LAC HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPORTED. EARLIER IN THE WEEK THE PROVINCE WAS GENERALLY QUIET EXCEPT FOR MORTARINGS INTO FOUR VILLAGE HQ'S. NVA/VC ACTIVITY CONTINUED IN SA DEC PROVINCE WHERE 3 SABOTAGE INCIDENTS ON ROUTE 23 INTERRUPTED TRAFFIC FOR MORE THAN 2 DAY S. AN OB IN DUC TON (B) AND A WATCHTOWER IN LAP VO (D) WERE ATTACKED AND OVERRUN WITH GVN CASUALTIES OF 1 KIA AND 12 MIA. IN PHONG DINH PROVINCE, MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS IN PHUNG HIEP (D) WHERE THE 428 RF BATTALION CONTINUED TO BE MORTARED REGULARLY; 3 RF WERE WOUNDED. THERE WERE TWO INCIDENTS ON HIGHWAY 4 IN THE DISTRICT. AN ARVN TRUCK DETONATED A CLAYMORE MINE IN THE NORTH OF THE DISTRICT KILLING 9 SOLDIERS, A WOMAN AND A CHILD, AND SAPPERS BLEW UP A CULVERT IN THE SAME AREA INTERRUPTING TRAFFIC FOR 3 HOURS. IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, MOST ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF ABF'S EXCEPT FOR SOME UNSUCCESSFUL GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST RF POSITIONS NORTH OF HIEU LE DISTRICT TOWN. SECTOR ADDED ANOTHER RF BATTALION TO ITS EFFORT TO CELEAR THE LONG XUYEN-RACH GIA CANAL AND PUSH NVA/VC UNITS AWAY FROM RACH GIA, BUT THE OPERATION RESULTED IN ONLY ONE VC KILLED WHILE THE RF SUFFERED 12 WOUNDED. ONE ROCKET ROUND HIT THE ARTILLERY POSITION IN RACH GIA KILLING 1 RF AND WOUNDING 6 OTHERS.

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XKD) SOUTHERN DELTA: ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE INCREASED, THE GREAT MAJORITY OFMVA/VC-INITIATED INCIDENTS (51 OF 63) WERE ABF'S. IN ONE OF ONLY THREE GROUND ATTACKS, AN OB IN SE NGA NAM (D) WAS ABANDONED WITH NO PF CASUALTIES. NVA/VC ARE BOASTING THAT THEY WILL TAKE WESTERN PART OF HOA TU (D) WHERE GVN PRESENCE IS NOW LIMITED TO HOA VAN VILLAGE OFFICE AND OB. THE VILLAGE OFFICE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTANT MORTAR ATTACK, BUT IS STILL HOLDING. IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE, THE PROVINCE TOWN, PHUOC LONG DISTRICT TOWN, AND PHUOC LONG VILLAGE HQ WERE ALL SHELLED. THE VILLAGE HQ WAS HARDEST HIT, COMING UNDER SHELLINGS AND GROUND ATTACKS SIX TIMES WITHIN THREE DAYS. GVN REACTED WITH A SWEEP AND AIRSTRIKES IN THE VILLAGE WHICH KILLED 56 NVA/VC. IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE, NGOC HOA (V), DUC LONG (D), WHICH WAS RECENTLY REOCCUPIED BY ARVN TROOPS, CAME UNDER MORTAR ATTACK 4 TIMES AND GROUND ATTACK ONCE; 3 GVN SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED WHILE 4 NVA/VC WERE KILLED. IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE SAME DISTRICT, AN NVA/VC PLATOON INFILTRATED A HAMLET AND KILLED 7, INCLUDING 6 CIVILIANS. KIEN THIEN WAS THE ONLY DISTRICT HQ TO BE MORTARED, WITH 1

WOUNDED. IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, ELEMENTS OF THE 21ST DIVISION WERE SHIFTED BACK TO CA MAU IN RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE THAT NVA/VC UNITS INTEND TO LAUNCH ATTACKS ON SECTOR COMMAND INSTALLATIONS FROM THE SOUTH OF THE TOWN. A 130-METER BRIDGE INSIDE A CA MAU WAS DESTROYED BY EXPLOSIVES; THE BRIDGE WAS THE ONLY ROUTE FOR FUEL TRUCKS TO RESUPPLY THE CAMMAU NAVAL INTERMEDIATE SUPPORT BASE. TWO OB'S IN DAM DOI (D) WERE OVERRUN AFTER REPEATED SHELLINGS A D GROUND ATTACKS, LEAVING THE DISTRICT HQ ALMOST COMPLETELY ISOLATED. THE DISTRICT HQ ITSELF WAS REPORTEDLY SHELLED REPEATEDLY AND ATTACKED ONCE, BUT WITH MINOR CASUALTIES.

2. ICCS ACTIVITIES: ICCS REGION VI RECEIVED COMPLAINTS OF 13 CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS, BUT CONDUCTED NO INVESTIGATIONS OR OBSERVATIONS. ICCS REGION VII WEEKLY REPORT IS NOT YET AVAILABLE. LEHMANN

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